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1. Some of the officers and sailors who were dismissed from the merchant marine have been readmitted. This action was allegedly taken because of the seamen's exasperation with the terroristic and extortive practices of various incompetent Communist inspectors like Major Zebrowski, Edward Pustelnik, and even Vice Minister Bukowski.¹ The inspectors willfully dismissed many men from the merchant marine and no person could appeal their decision. The escape of Captain Cwiklinski and the doctor from the BATORY also helped the situation somewhat, since Zebrowski and the other person² were arrested after the afore-mentioned escape.³

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2. [] oral instructions have been issued limiting the power of the politruks on board ships to matters pertaining purely to political education. The ships' captains therefore have a freer hand in all matters pertaining to navigation, cargo, discipline and the general life on board their ships.

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1. [] Comment: Major Zebrowski was inspector for the Polish-Chinese Line in Gdynia; Captain Edward Pustelnik is Chief of Personnel for the Polish Ocean Lines in Szczecin (Stettin); and Bukowski is Vice Minister of the Polish Ministry of Navigation.

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2. [] Comment: Although it is not clear from the text of the report [] presumably means Edward Pustelnik [] the word "other".

3. [] Comment: [] Zebrowski, head of personnel of PLO (Polish Ocean Lines), was arrested for participating in a smuggling ring and Stanislaw Bukowski was involved in the affair. [] the seamen involved in the operation were dismissed but later readmitted to the service as a result of Bukowski's influence.

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